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THE MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND TO ACCOMPLISH THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF MR. ALFRED A. LAUN FROM CORDOBA, ARGENTINA TO HOWARD AFB, CANAL ZONE, IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. AT MID-DAY APRIL 17TH A MEDICAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED HERE THAT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE LIFE OF MR. LAUN, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE EVACUATED WITHOUT DELAY TO A U.S. HOSPITAL WHERE SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT COULD BE RENDERED. VERY FORTUNATELY A MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND AIRCRAFT WAS THEN ARRIVING AT EZEIZA AIRFIELD, BUENOS AIRES. BASED ON A RADIO REQUEST THROUGH THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTHERN COMMAND THIS AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED WITH MINIMUM DELAY AND MR. LAUN WAS SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED LATE ON 17 APRIL. BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS M. SADLER, COMMANDER OF THE 437TH MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, CHARLESTON AFB, SC, WAS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSISTING IN OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS LIFESAVING MISSION. THE COMMANDER 21ST AIR FORCE AND MANY-OTHER PERSONNEL INCLUDING THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND CREW PARTICIPATED IN THIS FINE OPERATION. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR RELAYING TO ALL INVOLVED MY DEEP APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THEIR MAGNIFICENT SUPPORT. I AM INFORMED THAT MR. LAUN'S CONDITION IN GORGAS HOSPITAL, CANAL ZONE, IS SATISFACTORY AND IMPROVING.
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